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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Applicants respectfully request a refund of fees in the amount of \$180.00 improperly charged to Deposit Account 23-3000 under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2) on February 23, 2006, in connection with a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed January 17, 2006. The IDS was filed to advise the Office of references first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(1). Applicants note that the January 17, 2006 filing date of the IDS was before the January 18, 2006 mailing date of a Notice of Allowance,

and was accompanied by the statement in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), the \$180.00 fee charged to Deposit Account 23-3000 was improper. Applicants therefore respectfully request that a refund in the amount of \$180.00 be credited back to counsel's Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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